

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending.

Claim 1 has been amended.

Granted specification, column 2, line 4 has been amended.

Please note that a Certificate of Correction was granted on August 15, 2000. Column 6, line 5 should read:

--1. A method of irrigating a crop area of at least 1000 m² --

The Examiner asserts that the reissue declaration filed with the instant application is defective because it fails to identify at least one error. The Applicant has submitted a Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney for reissue of U.S. Patent No. 6,000,625. The declaration correctly identifies the errors present in the granted specification and granted Claim 1. Claim 1, column 6, lines 10-11 refers to a liquid of water soluble polymer particles metered at a predetermined rate. The predetermined rate appearing in the granted claim 1 is ".5 to 30 ppm". Further, column 2, line 4 of the granted specification also refers to a predetermined rate of ".5 to 30 ppm". Both errors should have reflected the intended and broader predetermined rate of ". 5 to 50 ppm" supported in the specification, column 5, lines 9-13 in patent 6,000,625. Therefore the Applicant has deleted "30" and replaced with "50" as indicated in the above amendments. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner states the reissue oath/declaration is defective because the language used in the current "errors statement" is not proper and the "all errors" statement should be used. The Applicant has corrected the errors statement in the declaration to properly refer to "all errors".

The Examiner further states the reissue declaration is defective because under 35 U.S.C. 117, the legal representative of a deceased inventor who signs on behalf of the inventor must state that the person is a legal representative, provide full name, citizenship, residence, and mailing address of the legal representative. The deceased's name and address must also be provided. Applicant has provided all within the Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney for U. S. Reissue Application.

The amendment filed December 10, 2001 do not comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b). The enclosed Supplemental Preliminary Amendment complies with 37 CFR 1.173(b). The amendment to claim 1 is

identical in wording to that originally presented on December 10, 2001, but is now correctly marked up to indicate changes from granted claim 1. In addition to the resubmitted amendment for claim 1, the Applicant is submitting a specification amendment identical to the amendment in claim 1.

The Applicant is also including a statement by Ms. Robin Cole that she is the Executor and Legal Representative of the deceased inventor, Richard Everett Cole.

Applicant will return the original patent once all rejections have been overcome.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-13 is respectfully solicited in light of the amendments and remarks *supra*.

Since there are no other grounds of objection or rejection, passage of this reissue application to issue with claims 1-13 is earnestly solicited.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure:

Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney for U.S. Reissue Application, Statement by Legal Representative, a petition for one month extension.